Crawford Brothers – Johnny Crawford and Bobby Crawford

John Ernest "Johnny" Crawford (born March 26, 1946) is an American character actor, singer, and musician. At age 12, Crawford rose to fame for playing Mark McCain, the son of Lucas McCain (played by Chuck Connors), in the popular ABC western series, *The Rifleman,* which originally aired from 1958 to 1963. Crawford first performed before a national audience as a Mouseketeer.

Robert "Bobby" L. Crawford jnr, was Johnny's elder brother.

Albums and singles – most are produced by Bob Keene (or Bob Keane **-** born **Robert Verrill Kuhn**) (owner of Del-Fi established in 1958)

Crawford Del-Fi singles:





1603 Crawford, Johnny *Daydreams/So Goes The Story* *Del-Fi 4162 (US)* *1961*

No piano on this one.

Crawford, Johnny Your Love Is Growing Cold/Treasure Del-Fi 4165 (US) 1961





0738 Crawford, Johnny *Patti Ann/Donna* *Del-Fi 4172 (US)* *1962*

No piano on this one.





0815 Crawford, Johnny *Cindy's Birthday/Something Special* *Del-Fi 4178 (US)* *1962*

Leon intro on 1? – No LR on 2





0814 Crawford, Johnny *Mr. Blue/Your Nose Is Gonna Grow* *Del-Fi 4181 (US)* *1962*

No LR on this one.











0387	Crawford, Johnny	*Rumors/No One Really Loves a Clown (Gates)*	*Del-Fi 4188 (US)*	*1962*
0630	Crawford, Johnny	*Rumors/No One Really Loves a Clown (Gates)*	*Del-Fi 4188 (US)*	*1962*

Leon? all over 1 – track 1 was recorded in the RCA Studios in Nashville





1287	Crawford **Brothers**	*You Gotta Wear Shoes/Good Buddies*	*Del-Fi 4191 (US)*	*1962*

No audible piano at all.



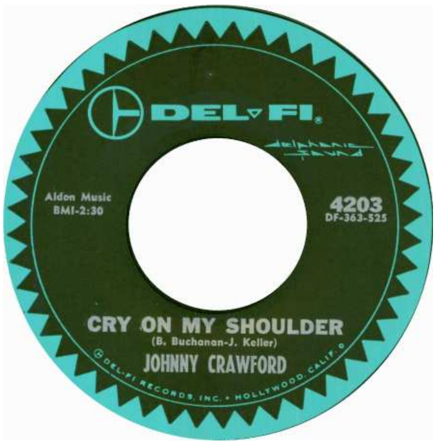






0642 Crawford, Johnny *Lonesome Town/Proud* *Del-Fi 4193 (US)* *1962*
1408 Crawford, Johnny *Lonesome Town/Proud* *Del-Fi 4193 (US)* *1962*

LR nice tinkling piano on 1- and a little on 2 - track 2 was recorded in the RCA Studios in Nashville





0599 Crawford, Johnny *Cry On My Shoulder/When I Fall In Love* *Del-Fi 4203 (US)* *1963*

Leon piano on both - lots on 2

Track 2: Johnny Crawford session: Feb. 12, 1963 at RCA Vine St. Hollywood - 5:30-8:30 PM
Session leader: Jack Nitzsche – Musicians included: David Gates – Steve Douglas – Roy Caton – Ollie Mitchell - William “Billy” Strange – William “Bill” Pitman – Tommy Tedesco – James Bond Jr. – Russell Bridges (Leon Russell) - Glen Campbell – Hal Blaine –



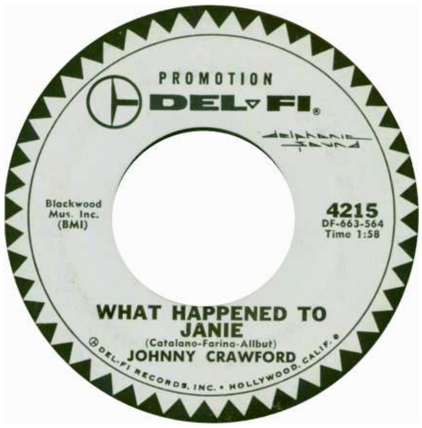


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1527 Crawford, **Bobby** *Mrs. Smith Please Wake Up Joan/*
That Little Ole' Lovemaker Me *Del-Fi 4211 (US)* *1963*

No piano on 1 **-** *Leon lots on 2*





Promotional copy





0897 Crawford, Johnny *Petitte Chanson /What happened to Janie* *Del-Fi 4215 (US)* *1963*
1451 Crawford, Johnny *Petitte Chanson /What happened to Janie* *Del-Fi 4215 (US)* *1963*

No piano on 1 – nice Leon runs on 2





Promotional copy

1530 Crawford, Johnny *Cindy's Gonna Cry/Debbie* *Del-Fi 4221 (US) 1963*

Leon all over 1 - No piano on 2





606 Crawford, Johnny *Ol' Shorty/Sandy* *Del-Fi 4229 (US) 1963*

"Ol' Shorty" could have been a Walter Brennan track, except Leon is NOT there! He is replaced by violin and banjo. Johnny Crawford is telling the story of the old coon dog. No piano on 2 either.





1312 Crawford, Johnny *Living In The Past/Judy Loves Me* *Del-Fi 4231 (US) 1963*

LR piano on 1 - writer D. Gates – no piano on 2 – produced by Jan Berry (of Jan & Dean)





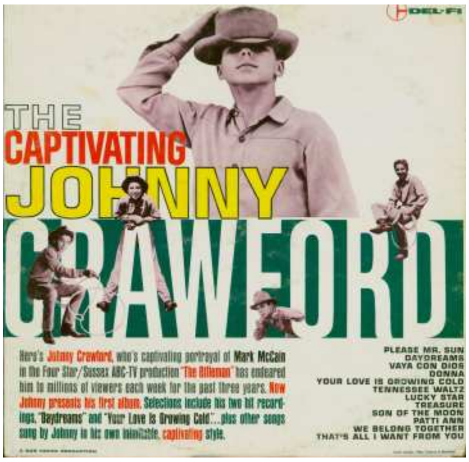
811 Crawford, Johnny (Once Upon A Time) *The Girl Next Door/*
Sittin' And A-Watchin' *Del-Fi 4242 (US)* *1963*

Leon on 1 - written by Gates – no piano on 2

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Crawford, **Bobby**	I Want To Be A Good Guy/?	Del-Fi 4236 (US)	1964?
Crawford, Johnny Fuller , Bobby	Janie Please Believe Me/ Am I Too Young	Del-Fi 4305 (US)	1965

LPs:





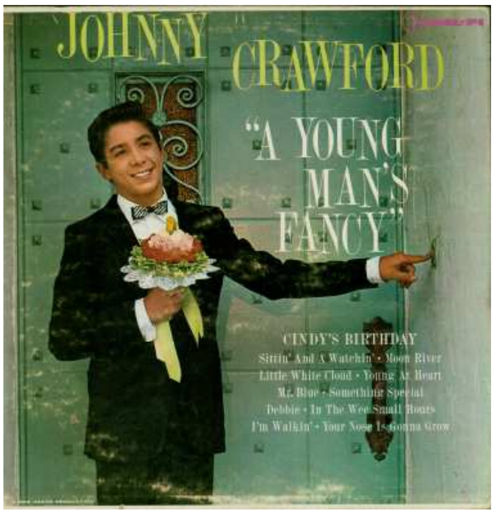




0320 Crawford, Johnny **The Captivating Johnny Crawford** Del-Fi DFLP 1220 (US) 1963

Lucky Star (no piano)
Treasure (no piano)
Please Mr. Sun (no piano)
That's All I Want From You (no piano)
Tennessee Waltz (no piano)
We Belong Together (no piano)
Son Of The Moon (no piano)
Your Love Is Growing Cold (no piano)
Donna (no piano)
Patti Ann (no piano)
Daydreams (no piano)
Vaya Con Dios (no piano)

Violins, violins and violins… no trace of a piano anywhere.







0319 Crawford, Johnny **A Young Man's Fancy** Del-Fi DFLP 1223 (US) 1963

Cindy's Birthday (piano into)
Sittin' And A-Watchin' (no piano)
Debbie (no piano)
Something Special (no piano)
I'm Walking (no piano)
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow (no piano)
Mr. Blue (no piano)
In The Wee Small Hours (piano!)
Moon River (no piano)
Little White Cloud (no piano)
Young At Heart (no piano)

More violins and violins… only really piano on one track and it have got to be Leon. It sounds like him.









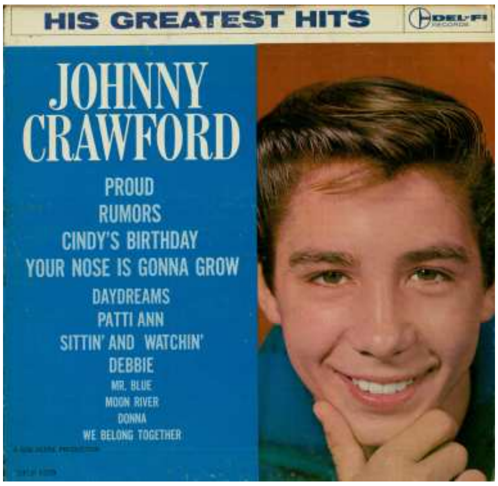


same cover as above – later issue?

0235	Crawford, Johnny	**Rumors**	Del-Fi DFLP 1224 (US) 1963
0321	Crawford, Johnny	**Rumors**	Del-Fi DFLP 1224 (US) 1963

Devil Or Angel (piano!)
Rumors (piano)
Lonesome Town (piano)
How High The Moon (piano!)
Living In The Past (piano)
Since I Don’t Have You (no piano)
No One Really Loves A Clown (no piano)
Janie Please Believe Me (piano)
Cry On My Shoulder (little piano)
I Don’t Need You (piano)
Petite Chanson (no piano)

I think it is Leon on all piano tracks! It sounds like him, but… the liner notes says, that the entire album was recorded in Nashville! To get “The World Famous Nashville Sound”. They of course had top players like Floyd Cramer, who was first in line, when it came to put The Nashville Sound on records. That does not make it Leon-ground, so… to my ears the arrangements and production does not differ from the previous recordings. There are lots of piano, and again lots and lots of violins.







0318 Crawford, Johnny **Johnny Crawford - His Greatest Hits** Del-Fi DFLP 1229 (US) 1963

Proud
Rumors
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow
Cindy’s Birthday
Debbie
Patti Ann
Mr. Blue
Sittin’ And A-Watchin’
Moon River
We Belong Together
Donna
Daydreams

	Crawford, Johnny	**Best of Johnny Crawford**	Rhino RNDF-202 (US) 1982

Cindy's Birthday
Patti Ann
No One Really Loves A Clown
Daydreams
What Happened To Janie
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow
Lonesome Town
Rumors
The Girl Next Door
Proud
Cindy's Gonna Cry
Sandy
Judy Loves Me
We Belong Together

CDs:

257CD	Crawford, Johnny	The Best Of Johnny Crawford	Ace CDCHD 429 (D) 1992

Cindy's Birthday
Rumors
Your Nose Is Gonna Grow
Proud
Patti Ann
Daydreams
Cindy's Gonna Cry
Judy Loves Me
Janie Please Believe Me
What Happened To Janie
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Mr. Blue
The Girl Next Door
We Belong Together
No One Really Loves A Clown
Sittin' And A-Watchin'

CD	Crawford, Johnny	The Best Of Johnny Crawford	Del-Fi DFCD-71220-2 (US) 1996

1496CD Crawford, Johnny The complete Hits of Johnny Crawford Hit Parade 12313 (CAN) 2013

1. Cindy's Birthday (no piano) –
2. Rumors (Leon!) –
3. Your Nose Is Gonna Grow (no piano) –
4. Proud (Leon!) –
5. Patti Ann (mono) (no piano)–
6. Daydreams (mono) (no piano) –
7. Cindy's Gonna Cry (mono) (LR) –
8. Janie Please Believe Me (LR) –
9. Cry On My Shoulder (LR) –
10. Sittin and A-Watchin' (LR) –
11. No One Really Loves A Clown (no piano) –
12. Debbie (no piano) –
13. Petite Chanson (no piano) –
14. We Belong Together (mono) (no piano) –
15. Mr. Blue (no piano) –
16. Donna (mono) (no piano) –
17. Lonesome Town (LR) –
18. Devil or Angel (LR) –
19. Living In the Past (LR!) –
20. In the Wee Small Hours (LR!) –
21. Moon River (no piano) –
22. How High the Moon (LR) –
23. Young at Heart (no piano) –
24. When I Fall In Love (mono) (LR!) –
25. That's All I Want From You (mono) (no piano) –
26. Good Buddies (Crawford Bros.) (mono) (no piano)

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Hal Blaine –
Songs were:
1. Souvenir De Paree – 2. When I Fall In Love – 3. How Are Things In Paradise – 4. Once Upon A Time –
Apparently track 1 and 3 are unissued?